

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1584 - HB 2181

April 1, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Board of Examiners in Psychology to certify licensed, doctoral-level psychologists to exercise prescriptive authority in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. Establishes the standards that must be met for a licensed, doctoral-level psychologist to receive certification.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The Board of Examiners in Psychology will incur a one-time increase in expenditures of \$24,200 for a board meeting and modifications to the application and software system. This increase will be covered by the current fee revenue generated by the Board.

Assumptions:

- Currently, licensed psychologists do not have prescription authority.
- The Board of Examiners in Psychology will need to hold an additional board meeting in order to conduct a rulemaking hearing. The cost for the Board to meet is estimated at \$4,178 which includes board member per diem (\$900) and travel reimbursements (\$3,278).
- An application for certification will have to be developed and the renewal application will be amended to include prescription authority.
- The RBS system will need to be modified to include prescription authority and the Web pages for licensed psychologists will need to be modified.
- The development of the application and the modifications to the Web page and RBS system are estimated to result in a one-time increase in expenditures of \$20,000.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had positive balances of \$250,284.26 in FY06-07 and \$342,517.44 in FY07-08. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive cumulative balance of \$42,769.52.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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